



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

**Region 1
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Boston, MA 02109-3912**

May 19, 2017

Mark Wert
Department of Environmental Protection
One Winter Street, 7th floor
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

Dear Mr. Wert:

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) is proposing a demonstration under the exceptional events rule at 40 CFR 50.14 to show that the elevated ozone concentrations recorded at the Chicopee and Ware monitoring locations on May 25 and 26, 2016 were the result of high levels of ozone and ozone precursors being transported from the Fort McMurray wildfire to Massachusetts. The public comment period for the demonstration ends on May 19, 2017.

EPA Region 1 has reviewed MassDEP's demonstration currently available for public comment and has no further comments at this time. Please note that if the EPA determines additional information is necessary during the review of your submittal, we may request further evidence to support elements of the demonstration in accordance with 40 CFR §50.14(c)(3)(vi).

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Eric Wortman at (617) 918-1624, or Catie Taylor at (617) 918-8607.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "D. B. Conroy", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

David B. Conroy, Chief
Air Programs Branch

cc: Steven Coughlin, MassDEP
Glenn Keith, MassDEP
Glenn Pacheco, MassDEP